

**JOINT BOARD MEETING
EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
MINUTES
MADISON, WI
AUGUST 12, 2002**

PRESENT: Peter Fabian, LaMarr Franklin, Lynn Gauger, Susan Kell, Douglas Knight, Anne Marie Rathburn, Linda Schwallie, Colleen James, Susan Putra, Jennifer Borup

EXCUSED: George Kamps and Crystal Berg

STAFF PRESENT: Clete Hansen, Division Administrator; John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel; Pamela Meicher, Program Assistant; Larry Schulte, Program Assistant

GUESTS: Jeff Percy, Wisconsin Certification Board; Pat Schultz, CSW, Northwest Wis. Homecare; Rosalie Migas, NASW-Wis. Chapter; Mary Lu Anderson, NASW-Wis.; Linda A Hall, WAFCA; Vince Ritacca, DHF; Mark Hale, DSL-BQA; William Olcott, FVTC-Appleton; Lowell Jenkins, WADDA; Fred Harvey, Wisconsin Certification Board; Wolfgang Wallschlaeger, Wis. Assoc. Alcohol/Drug Counselor

CALL TO ORDER

Linda Schwallie called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. after determining that a quorum was present.

AGENDA

MOTION: Colleen James moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2002

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to approve the July 29, 2002 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION RE: RULES TO IMPLEMENT PSYCHOTHERAPY BILL – ACT 80

The Board agreed that the main focus for this meeting would be AODA, supervision, the 2-year rule and psychometric testing.

John Schweitzer led the discussion around Representative Frank Urban's letter, Representative Steve Foti's letter, and correspondence from Jean Bromley MSW, CICSW, and Marc Herstnad MSW, CISW, NASW WI Chapter.

The Board had a lengthy discussion on title protection or practice protection, consistency with the WCB or NASW and what ideals the Board shares. The Board agreed on the following:

- They want to protect the public
- They are mandated to come up with definitions
- They have a legal requirement
- There is a body of knowledge or expertise in AODA counseling apart from masters training that needs to be incorporated into the rules.
- They have a fiscal responsibility
- They would like to define a specialty by competence and a need to meet certain criteria operationally achieved by competencies.
- They would like to require self-identified competencies verified by supervisor (like the Psychologists intent form with check boxes) in that specialty.
- They would like to require 30 CE's every two years, at least ten should be AODA specialty, but no more than 18.
- Persons should pass the ICRC written counselor certification examination.

The Board also wanted to note that the Board has made a conscientious effort to collaborate with the Psychology Board and have not yet had a response back.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Jeff Percy, Executive Director of Wisconsin Certification Board, discussed the WCB's code of conduct for Alcohol and Drug Counseling. He advised the Board that complaints are investigated by the WCB. The actions taken by the WCB are from a private letter of warning, to public reprimand, suspension or revocation of license. He also stated that complaints average about 20–40 per year out of 1300-1800 certifications.

John Schweitzer reviewed recommended changes to be made in Act 80 with discussion and recommendations from Board members.

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, that there is a consensus relating to the language the Board developed for SFC 1.09, Alcohol and Drug Counseling. A vote was taken with all ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to agree that a person may engage in psychometric testing if he or she complies with the standards of the American Psychological Association for performing psychometric testing. A vote was taken with all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Barbara Showers was called in to provide the APA standards for the practice of psychometric testing. The APA Standard 12.1 states: *Those who use psychological tests should confine their testing and related assessment activities to their areas of competence, as demonstrated through education, supervised training, experience, and appropriate credentialing.*

The next Joint Board meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2002.

The Board would like to get together with old and new Board members after the September 18th meeting. The purpose of the gathering will be to celebrate all of the Boards accomplishments. Susan Kell will coordinate the arrangements for the gathering.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.